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MAYSVILLE, KENTUCKY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1917. ONE COPY—ONE CENT.

## \$5,000 ROLL

Taken From Fleming County Farmer  
By Confidence Men in Louisville—  
Was Drugged and Sent to  
Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Ind., January 10.—Charles J. Scott, 50 years old, of Noplen, Fleming county, Ky., appeared at police headquarters today and declared he had been swindled out of \$5,000 in Louisville, drugged and put aboard a train en route to Indianapolis. Scott returned to Louisville today to report the alleged swindle to the Louisville police and try to find the hotel where, he says, he last saw his two "friends."

Scott had taken a car load of poultry to Pittsburg, Pa., and was on his way home. At Cincinnati he had three hours to wait for his train. While walking around the city he met a stranger, who turned and said: "We both seem to be going the same direction." Half an hour later Scott was sitting in a park talking to the man when another stranger passed.

"I believe I know that man," said the first stranger, and he called to the second man: "Are you from Springfield, Mo.?"

"No; my home is in St. Louis," said the other. The men began questioning each other about persons in St. Louis, and soon the second man was introduced to Scott. That was a week ago.

The men, the next day, told Scott they had won \$10,000 on a horse race. They said it would not be possible, however, to cash the betting check until they showed \$10,000 in cash, an amount equal to their winnings. They explained they only had \$5,000. They suggested that Scott raise the other \$5,000, and for the use of his money for only a few hours they would pay the liberal sum of \$1,500. Scott had a traveler's check for \$5,000, and he accompanied the men to Louisville and cashed the check. They took him to a hotel, where he met three or four other men. The room seemed fitted with telegraph instruments and wires.

He told the detectives he was offered a drink of soda, and that the two strangers seemed to be having a quarrel. Then someone called out: "Stop that bet!" That was all Scott remembered until he awoke on a train en route to Indianapolis. He found a ticket from Louisville to Indianapolis in his pocket and a scrap of paper telling him his "friends" would meet him this morning at the English Hotel. They failed to appear.

D. Hechinger & Co., who are always on the lookout for up-to-date merchandise, received yesterday a shipment of shirts from Japan. This order was placed in April, 1916—nearly a year ago. They are quite attractive—just different from shirts made in this country, and it will be worth your while to drop in and give them a look.

Misses Martha Green Sharp, Thelma Kirk, Minerva Stockton and Zorayda Cochran returned to their home in this city yesterday after visiting several days in Cincinnati.

Mr. John Crane remains dangerously ill at his home on East Fifth street.

## ENTENTE REPLY

Leaves Little Hope For Early Peace—  
President and Advisors Uncer-  
tain About Next Step.

Washington, January 11.—The Entente reply to President Wilson's note is regarded in all quarters here as putting an early peace practically out of the question, but still leaving an open door for the President to make further efforts.

The official view, on first consideration, is that it constitutes a complete answer to the President's note. German diplomats regard the reply as even more severe than they expected. They declared it evident that the enemies of Germany are waging a war of conquest to crush and dismember her. The German allies, they declared, never would agree to any such terms.

President Wilson's next move now becomes the center of attention. It will not be decided on until a careful and detailed study of the replies of both the Central Powers and the Entente have been made.

Several Courses Open  
Several courses are open to the President. He may inform each side of the other's reply and in doing so may forward the documents without comment, or with some expression to advance the situation to the point of another exchange. He may begin a series of confidential negotiations either through the ambassadors here or through the ambassadors at the foreign capitals. Also he may base his step not upon the notes alone, but upon an estimate of the situation in the belligerent countries.

The Entente statement of terms is regarded as presenting a legitimate opportunity for the President to take another step if he chooses to do so. By forwarding the replies of each set of belligerents to the other, with or without suggestion of the views of the United States, the President may act without incurring exception from any of them.

Germany Denounce Terms  
While the German diplomats denounced the terms laid down in the Entente reply, American officials made no attempt to estimate their real feelings. Naturally they expected the Entente would state the limit of its expectations. At any rate they regard such an assessment of the war situation as a valuable stepping stone.

Whether the President still hopes to get from the Central Powers a similar statement of terms is not known. Germany's reply, while holding to the idea of a conference to find a starting point, was not regarded as making other means impossible.

It is possible that the United States might state to the Central Powers that as the Entente has refused a conference and has made a general statement of terms this government would be glad if Germany could see her way to make a similar statement.

ANNOUNCES FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR

In today's issue of the Ledger will be found the announcement of Mr. Arthur L. Donovan of the Sardis precinct for assessor, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in August. Mr. Donovan is the first man in the county to formally announce his candidacy for the responsible position of County Assessor.

Mr. Donovan is a young man but one of the most active and prominent men of his party in his precinct. He will doubtless find many supporters in the Democratic party, as he is a most excellent young man and well qualified for the office. The voters of the county will do well to consider Mr. Donovan in making a choice for Assessor.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM SERIOUS INJURY

Mr. John D. McCrone of Mentor, Ky., brakeman on local trains Nos. 66 and 65 running between Cincinnati and this city, had a very narrow escape from serious injury in the local yards yesterday. Mr. McCrone was engaged in coupling an engine to a car when he became caught between the two. He was knocked unconscious and remained in this state for some time. Dr. G. L. Howard was called at once and after examining the man found that he had suffered no broken bones. His left arm was sprained and he suffered several severe bruises. He returned to his home in Mentor on accommodation train No. 7.

COLLECTION BEING PREPARED FOR EXHIBITION

The collection of curious and relic of the Mason County Historical Association is being catalogued and will be open to the public after the first of February. Several public-spirited ladies have volunteered to do the work of cataloging and arranging the collection and they have the work almost completed. The value of the collection would run into several hundred dollars, as some of the relics are quite rare. The collection will be on exhibition at the Public Library.

FIVE ABOVE THIS MORNING

The government thermometer at the home of Mrs. Mary D. Marsh on Forest avenue registered five degrees above this morning. This is the coldest morning for some time. Two days ago the temperature gauge was ranging around 70 degrees. A drop of 65 degrees in two days makes one realize the fact that although south of the Ohio River we can have weather just as cold as it is in Chicago and other points a hundred miles north.

BREAKS HIP

Word has been received here by friends that Mrs. W. S. Wilson of Eminence recently suffered the misfortune of breaking her hip. Mrs. Wilson was formerly Miss Fannie I. Gordon of this city, for many years being a school teacher here.

## TRIAL NEXT WEDNESDAY

The trial of Robert Crawford, who was arrested on Wednesday night will be held on next Wednesday before Judge W. H. Rice. Crawford is accused of having burned the Bethany Church near Springdale on the night of December 30 and it is said that the evidence against him is very strong. Deputy Fire Marshall Thomas Helm of Lexington secured the evidence that caused the man's arrest.

## REWARD

A reward of 5 cents a copy will be given to any one bringing copies of January 18 and March 11, 25.

Maysville Blue Grass Band at the Princess Skating Rink tonight.

## ONLY TWO HOUSES

Give Reports of Sales Yesterday as the Market is Crowded to Capacity—  
Home Warehouse Still in  
Blocked Sale.

Only two houses gave reports of sales yesterday, the remainder having blocked or no sales. The Farmers & Planters and the Independent-Central reported sales.

With the great amount of tobacco that has been coming into the market in the past week, the houses have become so full of tobacco that it is impossible to hold sales at all of the houses each day even with two sets of buyers on the market. The total sales of the week will in all probability run well over 3,000,000 pounds.

The Home Warehouse has not reported sales for several days, being in a blocked sale during the entire time. Almost the entire floor space of this warehouse is covered with tobacco.

The following were the reports of yesterday:

Farmers & Planters  
Pounds sold ..... 161,815  
High price ..... \$39.00  
Low price ..... 11.00  
Average ..... 17.83

Special crops: Adam Pabel & Son, Dover, \$23.21; Luther Hanson, Robertson county, \$21.76; Wood & Collins, Mason county, \$19.61; J. F. Woodward, Mason county, \$19.59; J. M. Henson, Robertson county, \$18.56.

Independent-Central  
Pounds sold ..... 335,785  
High price ..... \$32.00  
Low price ..... 9.50  
Average ..... 16.76

Special crops: G. W. Harder, average, \$22.10; Forman & Chamberlain, \$20.60; John Suit, \$19.25; Dimmitt & Fagan, \$19.57; S. C. Bell, \$20.93; O. Bratton, \$18.65; L. C. Tilton, \$20.60; J. D. England, \$20.77.

Market strong. Offerings good.

No sales at the Liberty, Growers, Amazon and Peoples, and block sale at the Home.

## K. OF P. NOTICE

The Third Rank work will be given to one candidate at Limestone Lodge No. 36 tonight. All members are urged to be present. A great deal of interest is being created in the new third rank team. This team will have charge of the work. They have been rehearsing their different parts, and expect to show the old timers some real Pythian work.

At this session of the lodge such a spirit of fraternity was shown, that one member made a motion to have each Pythian present bring another member. So a large crowd is expected. The goat is being well fed and ready for the big time.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

We are authorized to announce Arthur L. Donovan of Sardis precinct, as a candidate for Assessor of Mason County. Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary August, 1917.

Girls wanted at Modern Laundry. Apply at once.

## WHEN WERE YOUR GLASSES FITTED?

Your eyes change as you grow older. Have us to EXAMINE your eyes.

Dr. R. Kahn of Cincinnati on Mondays.  
Dr. George Devine Every Day.  
Optometrists and Opticians.  
O'Keefe Building.

## OUR SECOND BIG SPECIAL

Our best All-Rubber Guaranteed \$1.50 Hot Water Bottle, special price—  
—\$1.00 THIS WEEK—  
Watch our specials each week.

## M. F. WILLIAMS & COMPANY

CORNER THIRD AND MARKET STREETS

## WANTED—A BOY

A boy is wanted at the Ledger to work around the office and carry papers. Apply at once.

Miss Agnes Weaver returned to her home in Connersville, Ind., yesterday after a three weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. Charles Slack of West Second street.

Mrs. Myrtle Kleeman, representing the Butterick Publishing Co., will be at our store Thursday, Friday and Saturday to take subscriptions to "The Delineator" at a very interesting price. MERZ BROS.

Mr. Thomas P. Boone, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, returned to this city last night after a two days' trip through Indiana.

## FARMERS & TRADERS BANK

DEPOSIT YOUR TOBACCO CHECKS WITH THE FARMERS & TRADERS BANK. 3 PER CENT INTEREST PAID ON TIME DEPOSITS. OUR BANK IS THE HOME OF THE FARMER, AND HE IS ALWAYS WELCOME, AT THE LITTLE BANK ON THE CORNER WITH THE BIG BUSINESS.  
OUR CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB OPENS MONDAY, DECEMBER 11.  
C. L. WOOD, CASHIER.

## A NEW POLICY

WORKS LIKE THIS  
Mr. John Sample, age 35, pays \$29.46 per thousand, which will be reduced by (1917 dividends) \$5.22 making the net cost \$24.24, which will grow less each year. Policy will contain total and permanent disability benefits, which means 1st, waiver of premium payments during disability, and will pay to the insured \$100 per year while he is disabled, then the face of the policy, \$1000.00, at death.  
Total disability means—loss of eye sight, loss of both hands, loss of both legs, loss of mind, loss of body power from paralysis or any sickness.  
Can You Beat this?  
THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. OF N. Y.  
Oldest and Largest Company.

REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE **SHERMAN ARN** DISTRICT MANAGER

## Got An Ax To Grind?

If so, come in and let Clarence Kurtis, our colored Keen Kutter expert, grind it for you. Did you see Clarence in our Show Window? He's some looker, don't you think?

## There Are Lots of Things

for you to see and admire in our twin showrooms, Farmers, while you are in town with your Tobacco we invite your inspections. All your wants have been anticipated, and if it's Harness, Buggies, Saddles, Automobiles, Robes, Blankets, Hardware, Farming Implements, and in fact, anything you need, just say so and we will do the rest. All our goods were bought before the advance, and our prices are Right, spelled with a big R.  
Yours for a prosperous 1917.

## MIKE BROWN

"The Square Deal Man"  
WITH EACH \$1.00 PAID YOU GET A TICKET ON THE CHEVROLET WE ARE GOING TO GIVE AWAY NEXT AUGUST.

AND NOW WE MOST SINCERELY WISH YOU A HAPPY, HEALTHFUL AND PROSPEROUS

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AND KNOW OF NO Surer WAY TO PRODUCE SAME THAN BY SAVING SOME MONEY. WE WOULD BE GLAD TO HELP YOU DO SO.

## First-Standard Bank and Trust Company

YOU CAN JOIN OUR SAVING CLUB ANY TIME. JUST COME IN AND GET A CARD. NO INITIATION FEE. NO RED TAPE. EVERYBODY WELCOME.

## PLAID AND STRIPED SILKS

More than have ever been here before at one time and the reason is that striped and plaid silks are used in any number of ways now. For entire gowns, for combination dresses, blouses, trimmings and girdles. They are of soft taffeta weaves and the colors are really beautiful Scotch and French plaids, \$1.25 to \$2.98 per yard.

## A Drop in Corduroy Velvet

Beautiful qualities, soft as fur, with a rich satin sheen. A charming color variety in the two grades which are now reduced to 59c and \$1 a yard—formerly 75c and \$1.25 a yard.

## When the Wind Blows

Winter is just beginning and if you need warm blankets don't forget the safe reliable qualities we have—above board in every way, marked exactly what they are, all cotton, all wool, or wool and cotton mixed. The prices are exceptionally reasonable—75c to \$8.50.

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## Double Stamps Again Saturday!

We must admit that we did not have enough salespeople to wait on our trade last Saturday. If our sales force had been doubled we could not have given every customer the proper attention. Those who were disappointed last Saturday must come back again this Saturday and we shall give you just as many bargains and also Double Stamps.

## AMONG THE SPECIALS

One lot of new Spring styles in Shirt Waists 98c.  
One lot of "Royal" Dresses \$1.50.  
\$25.00 Suits at \$14.95.  
\$15.00 Mixture Coats \$7.50.  
\$15.00 Dresses, pretty styles, \$9.95.  
\$18.00 Dresses, new arrivals, \$12.95.  
10 yards Dress Gingham for 70c.  
10 yards light Outing for 75c.

All hats at Half Price.  
Mating Suit Cases \$1.00.  
\$1.00 Corsets (size 18 only) 59c.  
Envelope Leather Purses 49c.  
Tarpaulins 12x20 double filled Duck \$14.95.  
Stocking Feet 15c dozen.  
Turkish Towel Sets 59c.  
One lot of Children's Dresses 59c.

## Don't Forget the Remnant Table

# MERZ BROS.